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SUBJECT: MEXICO TO ATTEND UN.GIFT AND THE VIENNA FORUM TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEEKS MEETING WITH G/TIP AMBASSADOR LAGON

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¶1. Graciela Gomez Garcia, Director for the International Crime Prevention Unit at Mexico's Foreign Ministry (SRE), told PolOff February 8 that Mexico's newly appointed Special Prosecutor for Violent Crimes Against Women, Maria Guadalupe Morfin Otero, would lead Mexico's delegation to the upcoming UN GIFT conference in Vienna. Gomez conveyed Morfin Otero's strong interest in meeting with Ambassador Lagon on the margins of the conference. Gomez assured us Mexico shared our interest in discussing our collective efforts to better meet the challenges of TIP operationally -- particularly in view of Mexico's focus on implementing its recently adopted TIP law -- and said Mexico had no intention of making any political declarations in Vienna.

¶2. Other representatives from Mexico's delegation will include:

--Ambassador Alejandro Diaz Y Perez Duarte, Mexico's Ambassador to Austria  
--Adrian Franco Zevada, Coordinator for International Affairs at Mexico's Attorney General's Office (PGR)  
--Minister Ulises Canchola Gutierrez, Chief of Mexico's Embassy in Austria  
--Dr. Francisco Penalosa Montes de Oca, General Coordinator for the Specialized Unit on Investigation of Trafficking of Minors and Illegal Immigrants (PGR)  
--Monica Rios Tarin, Legal Director General and Institutional Liaison for Mexico's National System for Family Development (DIF)  
--Graciela Gomez Garcia, Director for the Foreign Ministry's Office of International Cooperation in Crime Prevention  
--Guillaume David Michel Blin, Second Secretary, Mexican Embassy in Austria  
--Monserrat Iglesias Servin, Under Secretary for Consular Affairs, National Migration Institute (INM)  
--Jazmin Martir Alegria, Deputy Director for DIF  
--Angel Alonso Diaz-Caneja, PAN Senator

¶3. Action Request: Ambassador Lagon's recent visit to Mexico was well received by the GOM. Morfin Otero's request for a meeting with Ambassador Lagon represents a good opportunity to meet a key player in the Attorney General's office and stress the importance we attach to Mexico's creating a vetted unit on TIP cases. Post recommends Ambassador Lagon meet -- time permitting -- with Morfin Otero on the margins of the UN GIFT conference.

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